

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
February 22, 2026 1st Sunday of Lent

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church with Pastor Will Brouwers leading our worship today. We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting and invite you to join us downstairs after the service for a time of fellowship. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway. Church school classes will be held for ages three through adult following the service.

GREETERS: west – Abigail Schlatter
east – John & Terril Koops

March 1: west – Roy & Stacy DeBey
east – Jared & Andrea Schurr Family

USHERS: Dave Draayer & Roy DeBey

NURSERY: Dale Herredsberg & Ethan Schlatter
March 1 – Don & Jan Koops

PIANIST: Emma Meyer

SPECIAL OFFERING: March 1 – ReFrame Ministries

OFFERING TOTALS: February 15 – General Fund \$745

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Will

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Abigail Schlatter
March 1 – Ray & Ginger DeBey

LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Dave Herredsberg, Wah – Dale Herredsberg
OCARE GROUP A: January – April

The Lord's Day

Small Groups will meet today. New members are always welcome. Meeting times and locations are:

Smith Center – 3:15 p.m. at SunPorch, Smith Center (Don Koops 785-346-4033)

Dispatch – 5:00 p.m. – church loft (Stacy DeBey)

Lebanon – 5:30 p.m. (Melanie Schlatter 785-620-7066)

The Lord's Week

Wednesday: 12:05 p.m. – Lenten Luncheon – Dispatch CRC hosts at the 1st Christian Church. Care Group A will prepare and serve the lunch.

7:00 p.m. – Ora et Labora; #5, devotions – Emma Meyer

7:00 p.m. – Cadets; snacks – Emma Meyer

Thursday: 6:30 a.m. – Promise Keepers at Roundhouse Coffee

Next Sunday: Roundtable Discussion and Potluck

The Church Family

Next Sunday, March 1, we will have a roundtable discussion in Fellowship Hall following the morning service as we discuss the message Pastor Will has presented. The following questions will be covered: (1) What did you hear the Spirit saying to you in the message? (2) So what? (3) How will it impact you in this week and going forward? Afterwards everyone is welcome to enjoy a potluck lunch together hosted by Care Group A. You are encouraged to bring a covered dish, salad, and/or dessert. There will be no small groups that day.

Council notes from the February meeting:

A recommendation was approved regarding the church messaging system "Dispatch Prays" for a one year service fee of \$499.80 so that there will be enough capacity to handle the prayer requests and messages. Currently we are exceeding the monthly limits from the company in which free service was offered. There will now be a coverage fee for higher limits. Council is open to seeing if anyone would be interested, after the one year subscription is up, to send out messages by text or email on their own for compensation. If you would be interested, contact a Council member.

Council expresses appreciation to retiring church treasurer Thelma Koops for her many years of faithful and diligent service. Acting treasurer Dave Draayer has agreed to serve as church treasurer for the 2026 year with Adrienne Allison serving as assistant treasurer. Approved by Council action.

As a follow up to the congregational meeting, it was decided to not set a minimum for any special offering cause and to forward only the amount received in the special offering for that organization or cause. It was also agreed to not add a budget line item for Cadets, GEMS, or VBS. Council fully supports these ministries and, if extra monies are needed, extra offerings can be scheduled. It was the consensus of Council to not pursue the replacement of nor an additional van at this time.

Council, at the request of Pastor Will, is researching and formulating a pastor evaluation review.

The progress of the parsonage deck construction was reviewed.

It was noted that Pastor Will has been meeting with the Downs, Osborne, and Smith Center Ministerial Alliances regarding a meeting in the area on March 24, concerning mental stress in the farming communities under the current economic environment.

Shaye Smerchek was approved to assist with the GEMS group, as they continue to experience more girls attending.

For help and encouragement after the death of a loved one or friend, join GriefShare. It is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life.

The Downs GriefShare Support Group will meet Sundays at 2:00 PM in the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1019 Blunt St., Downs, beginning on March 1. zlcdowns@ruraltel.net 785-454-3733

Resonate Global Mission is having a special challenge to support missionaries who cannot meet their support. Every gift to this fund, made between March 13 and April 30, will be matched – doubling your impact up to \$275,000. For gifts made via check, write “801210 Match Campaign” on the memo line. You can also contribute online at <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double>

You can join God’s story of redemption as he works to redeem and restore his creation. You can empower people in more than 40 countries to live out the gospel in every area of life, equipping them to steward their resources and share the good news with their neighbors. Your doubled gift is more critical than ever.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Faithfulness: Never Give Up. Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Faithfulness: Never Give Up.” at www.kidscorner.net God is always with us and shows us what true loyalty looks like, no matter what we face. Discover how his never-ending love can help us become faithful, kind, and trustworthy friends to others! Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner’s Lent Devotional.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The forty days of Lent bring to mind the forty years of Israel’s sojourn in the wilderness and the forty days of fasting that preceded Jesus’ public ministry. During Lent, Christians around the world reflect on the weight of sin, the cost of salvation, and the love that motivated Jesus’ earthly sojourn and sacrificial death. This year during Lent, find an object that reminds you of the wilderness (like a small stone or a container of sand) and place it in plain sight. Whenever you see it, pause and remember the depth of Jesus’ love and how far he went to rescue you from sin and death. brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Dr. Alan Strange, President of Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, IN, will be offering a free evening class series in March on The Christian and Politics, held Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. He will address important questions about Christian political engagement, the spirituality of the church, Christian nationalism, and our callings as both church members and citizens. You may watch via livestream on our Facebook and YouTube feeds. Please mark your calendars for Thursday evenings in March! Visit our website at www.midamerica.edu for more information.

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Prelude (*Please stand, as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 13

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the LORD’s praise, for he has been good to me.

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #348

*God's Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Mutual Greeting

Prayer of Confession - Isaiah 64:6-9

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Assurance of Pardon – Ezekiel 36:25-26

God’s Will for Us – 2 Timothy 2:15

*Song of Response - “Thy Word” *SNC* #86

Offering: General Fund

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – “Speak, O Lord” *LUYH* #755

Children’s Message – Pastor Will

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture and Message – Habakkuk 1

Song of Response – “Hear My Cry and Supplication” *LUYH* #657 Vv 1-5

Scripture and Message – Habakkuk 2

Song of Response – “God Himself Is with Us” *LUYH* #565

Scripture and Message – Habakkuk 3

Prayer of Application

Song of Response – “God of Our Life” *LUYH* #404

*Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

*Closing Song – “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

*Postlude